... the ragged travellers ... "O great Fazdorf, I understand that you are well over a hundred years old. How does it feel to be alive after 100 years?" The great Fazdorf pondered for a moment and replied, "Well, considering the alternative ..."

For those of you who wish the great Fazdorf had chosen the alternative, this zine is published by Steve Heinowski, 1630 W28th St., Lorain, Ohio 44052 for a mere pittance -- a pittance these days being worth about 33¢ or rather 33 1/3¢ (heaven forbid I should lose a penny). Seriously though if you are really reading this part of the zine, you must truely be hard up for something to do.

WS & IM #1 Spanish pull a quick lead, but the end draws ever closer

3102/1101 = 3HC	3101 = S7/6		15	03	04	00	01	
3211/1302 = miss	3102 = Q6/6		12	12	04	00	02	
1101/3102 = 4HGR(L)	3211 = O13/5	G1302	08	01	01	01	08	
1101/3211 = no B.S.	1302 = Q13/2	G3211	10	01	01	00	04	prize crew = 7(3-4)AV
1102/3104 = 3H2CG(L)	3103 = T17/6		11	01	00	00	01	
2201/3210 = 3HRG(L)	3104 = S18/1		15	15	03	00	01	
2202/3104 = void	3210 = P20/6	d	***** struck *****					
-2201 closer-	1101 = N8/6	d	***** struck *****					
2203/3103 = 4R	1102 = R16/2		11	02	00	02	00	
3210/2201 = 2HR	2201 = N21/6		08	05	00	00	00	
3103/2202 = void	2202 = V21/2	FS	00	00	00	00	00	
-3104 closer-	2203 = X20/2	FS	00	00	00	00	00	
3104/1102 = void								
-3210 closer-								
3211/M/1320 = -1/-4								

Note: Some moves void to striking/unable to raise FS (adjusted)

1978 CC XXXXXX

Due to Pat Flory's non receipt of the zine he has asked to extend the season. From our phone conversation Pat asked that I relay his apologies to the members of the game for not noting sooner that his zine was mislaid by USPS.

E(Hardisty) f mao, f nao, f eng, f nth, f kie, a bur, a ruh, a sil, a ber
F(Kelly) a min, a sps, a gas, f bre
I(Flory) a arm, f bla, f aeg, f con, a gal, a vie, a bud, a rum, a tyo, a ser, f lyo, a pie, f mao, f por, f wmd
R(Caruso) a pru, s rum, a ukr, a sev, a mos

1. An underline means it must retreat.

1979 AV Fall 1908 England Sticks Russian Ally(?)

E(Byrne) a nwy-stp(f bar s), a ruh-mun(a ber s), f nth-h, f eng-mao, a bre-gas, f pic-eng, f irs-h, f spa(sc)-mar(a bur s), f wmd-spa(sc)
F(Boggess) a mar-gas*R
I(Alden) f rom-nap, f lyo-spa(sc)
R(Kelly) -all hold- a sil, a boh, a ukr, a mos, a war - A boh, a ukr = annihilated
T(Ragsdale) a gal-ukr(a rum, a sev s), f bla sa sev, a ank-arm, a bul-ser, a vie-boh(a tyo s), f nap-rom(a ven s), f ion-nap, f aeg-ion, f tun-wmd

E H + por,swe,bre,spa,bel,dan,hol,kie,par,nwy,mar,stp,ber,mun	17 build ... whatever
F ---	0 out
I ---	0 out
R war,mos	2 remove 1
T H + bul,ser,gre,ven,tri,rum,bud,tun,vie,sev,rom,nap	15 build 2

Press: Russ. to ally(?): How in the Hell do you expect me to keep my agreement to 'move exactly as you request' if you don't write and tell me what you want me to do?

Marmailles(?): Adieu for now, may the next best ~~win~~, ~~winner~~, whatever win.

Lon to Con: Bulldozer is on the way to help clear the space for parking lots. But the bulldozer has been stopped by Gene's enormous force, that army is a real pain in my ___(fill in the blank).

Lon to Mar: Please die!

Lon to GM: How long have I been playing one short? ((GM: Before answering that you must remember that I've only known you a couple of years, before that you'd have to ask someone else.))

[illegible] AV continued ...

Press: Lon to GM: How long have I been playing one short? ((GM: Well, let's see ... I've known you a few years, so I can vouch for that period, but before that you'd have to ask someone else.)) I didn't even notice last turn!

1. An E-T draw has been proposed; vote with the next issue.

[illegible] CA Winter 1908

(Stevens)	has a bud
(Murphy)	+ a lon, a edi/ has A = par, war, mos; F = ion, bel, eng, nth, nwy, stp(nc)
(Hardisty)	- a gal, a lvn/ has A = vie, boh, mun, bur, ruh; F = den
(Burnett)	+ a ven/ has A = tri, tyo, pie; F = adr, spa(sc), tun, nap, mar, por
(Alden)	+ a con, a ank/ has A = sev; F = tyr, rum, bla

Press: Eng to ITA: You can expect an urgent dispatch within a week from London concerning Ita/Eng strategy and plans for world conquest.

Eng to Ger: Your quote contained two obvious ommissions - the word 'former' before friend and enemies.

1908M Fall 1907 France Crumbling Y'all Unskewered f swe-bot

A(Fassio)	f con-aeg, a sev-ukr, a mos-stp(a lvn s), a sil-mun, a mun-bur, a tri-alb, a pie s(I)f lyo-mar
E(Ragsdale)	f eng s(F)f mao-bre, f irs-mao, a kie sf den,(f hel s)m f stp(nc)-h*R-bar f den sf swe(f nwy, f swe s)
F(MacLeod)	f mmd-lyo, f mao-bre, a spa sa mar(a mar s*Annihilated), a bur sa mar, a ruh-hol
G(Kevern)	a ber s(A)a sil-mun, f bal-kie
I(Coughlan)	f gas-spa(nc), f naf-h(a tun s), f lyo-mar, f tyr-lyo, f nap-tyr, f emd-ion, a tyo s(A)a sil-mun
R(Caruso)	f bot + a fin s(A)a mos-stp

A	gre,ser,bul,rum,bud,vie,sev,ank,stp,mun	10 +2
E	H + nwy,den,kie,swe	7 -1
F	bre,par,hol,bel,por,spa	6 +1
G	war,ber	2 even
I	H + tun,tri,con,smy,mar	8 even
R	mos	1 -1

Press: Russia to Italy: Oh yes, I forgot to tell you, he stuck the knife into me too, again.

Vie: Archduke Fazdorf (now known as 'Duke') has decided to withdraw his troops from some provinces, and to move on to bigger and better. The 'Duke' desires some Stp castles and Ukranian [illegible] to I: Rest thy weary ships, oh conqueror of the west. Hope you like the harbor.

[illegible] F: Doubtless you have retailed with some ethnic slur upon my personage; therefore: Why did the Newfie bring a shovel on board his father's funeral ship? Ans. Because Dad always [illegible]ted a burial at sea. to E: We gain in the south, you gain in the north. Redundency ad infini[illegible] Still, one coalition will peak and soon. to R: Sorry for not writing much. Studies are [illegible] CA-CA to G: I should be a normal ((you should live so long)) Dip player and go for the [illegible] win, as others would advise me to do; still, my temperament insists I stay with my 2 [illegible] 'em, two) allies. Alas, alack. I,m on the way back home, to the Prussian forests.

Italy to France: Good move! Your address change I mean. SURELY you didn't think I meant ... [illegible] HA HA HA HA ..... (collapses into peals of body-racking laughter)

Rome: The Italian fleet in Gascony was forced to stay there longer than anticipated (although [illegible]y be out by now, just this feeling I get) so the Italian government directed its officiers [illegible] to undertake an analysis of the provinces demographic structure. Shock and horror greeted [illegible]ublication of the situation found in Gasgony: a demoralized population still stunned from [illegible]ars on the Mad Fraser's incessant joke telling! Atrocity story upon atrocity story has [illegible] up. Much more is expected when Italy, as hopefully planned, conquers a large French urban [illegible] such as Marseilles, or should we say 'liberate' a large urban center such as Marseilles [illegible]'s Further Folly?

Italy to England: Y'all pullin' mah laig, eh boah? But I would be lying if I denied the intense attraction that England has for me. Even as we speak, my fleets are streaming towards your verdant isle with more vino and pasta for your wretched masses (See, that's what drinking Budwiser did to them!) I know that you will do absolutely everything in your power to facillitate their immediate arrival.

Italy to Austria: No, you don't get normalization of relations with England too! You consider yourself too high, suh. Rick is a CAPTAIN and thou are butest a fresh shavetail!

Italy to Germany & Russia: WEll at least the scarecrow didn't get any weaker, but I think the Tinsman lacks a brain as well as a heart (and Sweden and Moscow)

France to I: It would seem that Gary is labouring under the misapprehension that I hail from Newfoundland(Nfld) and not from Nova Scotia(N.S.) as is the actual case. Therefore a threat of Newfie jokes except if in extremely bad taste, are of no threat to me.

Did you hear about the Newfie family that was so stupid that they thought manual labor was a Mexmican. Recently, they moved to Memphis, Tenn.. A subsequent survey in both Nfld and Tenn showed a significant increase in their respective average IQs.

Then, of course, there was the Tennessee gentleman, while on a winter vacation in the north, who bought a pair of ski-doo boots. Heard he broke four pair of laces trying to get them started.

GM to Vie: I see Fr. did not insult your personage - so allow me:
It seems a relative of Faz's, one Mark Fazaroni, was a pilot in the Italian air force in the Med. theater of WWII. Poor Mark was being ribbed terribly by his fellow pilots for not ever having shot one British plane down. So, Fazaroni took off by himself vowing not to return until he shoot down his first plane. Eventually he came across 5 unescorted, unarmored transports(Br) and promptly proceeded to shoot down all 5. Overjoyed he landed his fighter at the first airfield he found, rushed over to a colonel standing nearby, shouting, "'Ey, I justa shoot down five a British transports ... to which the officer quickly replied, "I say, bad luck, old chap."

?????: One day 2 Tennesee lads were out hunting. They had found and were following a game trail thru the woods when theyx came upon a fork in the trail. It was decided that each would following a separate fork and that a gunshot would be the signal that the other had found some game. Lad 'A', let's say his name was Gary for arguements sake, proceeded down the right fork.
~~A few minutes later, there came a crashing noise from the woods; Gary quicking took aim, fired~~ then jumped into the woods after the game.

Some time later we find Gary nervously pacing in a hospital. As a doctor approaches, he rushes to meet him ... "Yes, yes, your friend will be OK... the gunshot wound was not serious but when you slit his throat you almost killed him."

1980 HQ Winter 1903 SE ASONS

A(Flory)	even/ has A = gal, rum, vie, tri; F = adr
E(Goodrich)	- f edi, f lpl/ has a yor
F(Hanson)	+ f bre/ has A = lon, mar; F = eng, mao, lyo
G(Byrne)	+ a ber, a mun, f kie/ has A = ven, tyo, edi; F = nth, swe
I(Molettiere)	- a mar/nsu/ - a pie/ has A = tus; F = tyr, spa(sc)
R(Schwaninger)	- a mos/ has A = lvn, swar; F = nwg, nwy
T(Burnett)	+ f smy, a con/ has A = ukr, a sev; F = tun, gre, bul(ec)

Press: Moscow: As yet, we have seen no reason to ready the Turkish baths. Our anxiously planned-for visitors seem hesitant to enter. Perhaps their campaign in Greece has slowed them up a bit.

Russian loyalists in Sweden: The citizens of this fair nation to the north would like to register a complaint about the treatment we've been receiving since the take-over by the Dutch pigs to the south. The Russians were such a gentle, trustworthy, considerate bunch of tyrants. These Germans are treacherous. They don't give a piddelu-do for us. We think they are actually out to win the game.

Lpl: Anybody got a good strong rubber raft? I think the tide is going to be higher than ever this year.

Ger to the board: What is going on? I only should've got a build for Edi! to I: Are those word games getting to you? I told you you'd have to blow me out of Ven! to Russia: I don't accept bribes; however, Phyllis does --- she ate the gum and said anytime she can help, let her know. Sorry, but I really thought it was the only build I'd get. to GM: Watch those head lines buster or I'll lead the lynching mobs through Times Square in June! ((GM: I hope so; it is S.O.P. for the person being lynched to be at the head of the line, isn't it.

GM to Phyllis: You ate the gum ... strange ...

(Thomson)	a tri-tri, a [illegible]
(Fen)	f bar-nwy(a fin s), f nwy-nth, f cly-mao
(Thomas)	+ f bre/ a bel-lon(f eng c), f bre-mao, a mar-pie, a naf-tun(f wmd s)
(Boggess)	a hol-h, f swe-h, a sil-boh(a mun s), a tyo-vie(a gal s)
(Smyth)	a ven-tyo(a pie s), a ser-bul, f ion-tyr(f tun s*annihilated)
(Sowine)	a stp-lvn, f bot-bal, a mos-sev, f rum s(T)a con-bul, a war s(G)a gal ((+ stp))
(London)	f emd-ion, a bul-gre(f aeg s), a con-bul

(33-5)

(Par) The successor to the throne revealed today that while on an incognito vacation in the [illegible], he was viciously accused of a henious crime and highly insulted. The King immediately sent [illegible] representative force to exact reparation.

(StP) The St. Petersburg Principle has announced the upcoming cornation of the Princess [illegible] as Tsarina of all the Russias. The sudden passing of her uncle Nicoli had left her highness [illegible] naseaus, but in otherwise good health. A sports fanatic, Her Highness is looking for a [illegible] palace equipped with ski-slope, ice skating rink, hunting lodge, bobsled run, and sauna. [illegible] Highness has commissioned Col. I.C. Walruski to locate such an area "if he has to build one".

1980 Winter 1901

(Lenfield)	+ a tri, a vie/ has A = ser, bud; F = gre
(Hunley)	+ f lon/ has A = wal; F = nwy, eng
(Stephens)	+ f bre/ has A = bel, spa; F = mao
(neutral)	a mun, f ber/ has f den, a sil, a kie
(Severn)	+ a rom, f nap/ has A = mar, ven; F = tun
(Henry)	+ a mos/ has A = war, rum; F = bot, sev
(neutral)	+ f smy/ has f ank, a con, a bul

1981 AA Fall 1901

(Boggess)	a ser-rum(a bud s), f alb-gre
(Rudisill)	a edi-nwy(f nth c, f nwg s)
(Flowers)	f mao-por, a pic-bel, a mar-spa
(Goodrich)	a ruh-bel(f hol s), a kie-den
(Alden)	a tri-ser, a apu-tun(f ion c)
(Kinney)	f bot-swe, a lvn-war, a stp-fin, f rum s(A)a ser-bul*annihilated
(Frayne)	a arm-sev(f bla s), a bul s(A)a bud-rum

Home → mun,gre	5 +2
Home + nwy	4 +1
Home + por,spa	5 +2
Home + bel,hol,den	6 +3
Home + ser,tun	5 +2
Home,war,stp,swe	4 +1
Home + sev,bul	5 +2

Press: Ger-Rus: And so we have peace in the north?

Versailles: Rome - Berlin: How thoughtful! You obviously wanted to secure our French speaking neighbor before you turned him over to me.

Versailles to Lon, Rome & Ber: I hope none of you are suffering any communication problems.

Budspest: Pope Brian, you may have conquered one of my centers, but you'll never conquer me. As the Boy Scouts said when he fixed his bicycle horn: my motto is: "Beep repaired!"

1. A comment was raised about a W/s move in '01/ if you would like to see a W/s move submit [illegible] If everyone does so I'll run it that way. If not ...

[illegible] 1

[illegible] → bank		Bids - player	Trades	TVs	
[illegible]00/1.54(AS)	F = 100/0.49(TB)	none offered	400G/F165(TB)	A(1.72)	E(1.38)
[illegible]	I = 200/1.43(AS)		018R/A003(AS)	F(0.95)	G(0.32)
[illegible]00/1.51(TB)	100/0.80(AS)		150G/E045	I(1.60)	R(0.22)
[illegible]00/1.19(TB)			232F/E170		
[illegible]/0.67(TB)					

1978 [illegible] This game was [illegible] w [illegible] the period of [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible]

	G1	G2
A(Ron Sorrell)	5	6
E(Alex Service)	5	6
F(Tom Buffone)	4	4
G(Gene Boggess)	5	3
I(Fraser MacLeod)	4	4
R(Bob Donaldson)	6	6
T(Tom Ross)	4	4

Zine = STAB/Troy Snyder

(53-6)

All continuing players had the chance to review these stats fbefore commencing play.
This game was also refered to as "Stab-1".

Note to BNC: Please adjust Ter-ran records accordingly, noting the length of time this game existed in Stab. Related notes are being forwarded under separate cover.

Other: Houserules I have run off some of the old HRs for those who requested; if you want one let me know and I'll send you one, two, 100.

** Also, it occured to me that it's that time of year to restate them. If anyone has any comments about them let me know before it's too late.

OTHER HOBBY STUFF

1. Diplomacy World/Jerry Jones, 1854 Wagner St, Pasadena Calif 91107. DW is a hobby mainstay as most of you know which contains a full overview of articles, a demo game, and information/articles on variants. The current issue, #27, just arrived. Sub rates are $5/year(4) with overseas and first class mailings being extra.

2. Third Class Costs: With the new postal rates any person who might normally use 3rd class mail should note that it costs exactly the same as first class mail up to 4 ounces. So, unless you're mailing an encyclopedia, send the thing first class. Clerks at our office normally will write "first" over your "third" class if you have the postage; others might not be so genefous.

To get the (old) reduced rates you must mail 200 pieces per month, along with other stipulations so unless you're John Caruso, M Fassio(sorry that's postcards), or one helluva writer, you're stuck with first class mail.

3. DipCon 82 Announcement: "The committee of 1/2/3 is announcing that they are now taking bids for DipCon 82. We are asking all interested parties to please write to Herb Barrents, 1142 S 96th Av., Zeeland, Mi 49464 with your intentions. We are asking those interested to TRY and make it to DipCon 81 being held with Origens 81 out in SF Ca on the July 4th weekend. If they are unable to attend but would like to have it we would be willing to take written applications to be voted on by the people of the DipCon Society. All you would have to do is to describe your con, the number of people, lodging, costs, and dates for the con, as well as a page or two describing yourself and the people putting on the con, as well as a page on what you have been doing over the last couple of years in the way of cons and programs. All bids will be presented to the committe for selection. Dnue June 15, 1981.

4. Hobby Mascot Vote: The winner was Brux, Masters dog to which comment I would have to agree with: "voting was by personality of the nominator rather than the item itself, however ...

5. Hobby Queen: For those of you who felt shortchanged on the mascot vote, nominations are being taken by "Blackjack Masters, 25711 N. Vista Fariways Dr., Valencia, Ca. 91355. Nomiations can be anyone, living or dead, in or out of the hobby, such well known people as Queen Vitoria, M(Martha) Fassio, Marion Bates, Kathy, er, Byrne, Burtha Butts. If you need a GM sponscor just sign my name to it, I'll sponscor anyone. I presume a picture would help (hear that FAZ!)

5. NEW GAMES in Mike's Mag/Michael T. Scott 1726 Cypress Circle, La Verne, Ca. 91750. a) Trafalger Variant: Using 15-20 Captains, commanding 3-4 ships. Gamefee = $7, with a possibility of instituting a prize fund (winners take all I presume). Each player will have his own victory conditions. Write for further details. b) The maxiplayer KM mentioned earlier has 30 players and room can be made for up to 8 more. c)Machiavelli d) a Conquistador Derby. Mike's Mag is free to people who play in the games.

6. Empyrean Challange: I saw this game reviewed, favorably(?), recently and was reminded I have a copy of the 1980 rules which I no longer have a use for. If someone wants it send (quite) a few stamps, and it's yours, free. EC was a game I was involved with a couple of years ago(or so it seems) and they had some major problems in processing the turns. I can not say if those problems have been corrected or not at this time. --first come, first serve/one only--

[illegible] I think I would begin to take [illegible] list, if any, and a game fee ($3) -- as always [illegible] position are always welcome.

[illegible] entered I -- needs a French opponent for a 250 DYO (gamefee $1, NMR fee $2) (game by request).

Normal WWIM scenarios should be 200 DYCs.

[illegible]

[illegible] a quiet month

[illegible] None

[illegible] requests: 1981G Germany - Alex Service, 102 Awad Park, Erin, NY 14838
1981G Turkey - Dan Mathias, 40 Long Pond Rd. South, Ledyard, Conn 06339

[illegible] order: Burnett, (Haiber), Stephens, Faz, Kelly, Alden, Henry, Caruso, Service

[illegible] comments: -- 1978MJ --

[illegible] Bagness) Game? What game? Was I in a game? At least I was out of it before I could [illegible] by John Caruso ...

[illegible] (service/draw) This was my first diplomacy game. It started in a zine ("STAB") as [illegible] Some of the issues were individually handwritten. Perhaps this should have warned [illegible] was destined to be orphaned! I'm grateful to Jerry Jones and Steve H for their efforts [illegible] the game. Randolph Smythe was the last in a series of Russian allies. He realized, much sooner than I, the unlikelyhood of defeating John Caruso's 13 center (and growing) Austria. I am only thankful that a draw was obtained since John seemed destined to continually push his way west and north.

(Russia - Smyth/draw) When I got into this game, it looked like a lemon of a position. Russia [illegible] held steady at 7-8 centers for the last few game years (and was fated to do the same for the next four to game's end), but the two giants, Austria and England were both coming for me. They had 23 centers split more or less evenly between them and could have easily cleaned out everyone else if their alliance had been "true". My prospects didn't look much better than the one-center Italy.

Luckily the correspondence revealed a few cracks in the "alliance" and a glimmer of hope [illegible] through. The two big guys both said they would prefer to go after the other, and were only [illegible] for me because my predecessor had been unreliable. Having the reputation of a good(?) player does help at times; I pointed out that things had changed and offered them the chance to match their actions with their words. Austria didn't, but England did.

The English withdrawal from Scandinavia kept me even in spite of losses to the Austrian attacks down south, and with the E/R alliance confirmed, I began the process of shifting my Scandinavian armies to the Austrian front. Throughout this period, I actually engaged in more correspondence with John than with Alex, looking for a satisfactory way to end our battle, but we were never able to trust one another; at one point he accused me of plotting to win the game!

While Alex was originally planning to crush John and split the board two ways, the Austrian gains from the minor powers soon made this impossible. Towards the end, it was all we could do to keep him short of 18; in fact, I'm surprised that John allowed the draw to go through before the stalemate lines had firmed up. In the final seasons, my annalysis showed that Austria would be unable to invest the units to protect Tun, Italy and Mun from England, hold all the adjacent [illegible] against my most valuable unit, F BLA, and still make a successful attack on Mos and WAR, centers he needed to win. Still, an NMR or other error by either Alex or myself could have [illegible] him the necessary edge, and it was gentlemanly of him not to drag the game out in making [illegible] attempt.

[illegible], it was quite an interesting standby position as it turned out, and lasted just the right [illegible] of time; any longer and the position would have locked up and become a bit boring, but I [illegible] to have fought for as long and as hard as I did -- it makes me feel that I earned the piece [illegible] draw.

[illegible] congratulations to the other survivors/drawers, and a big thanks to Steve for an excellent [illegible]

Dear Slime, Tell Faz that "Hannibal" is pronounced, "What-a-hunk!". Signed: Toot's Lover
((Dear Lover, that's what you used to say about the Faz too until you met him, but never mind I'll pass on your love note anyway ...))

Dear Slime, What do you ~~xix~~ think of some of the letters you get addressed to you? Honestly, there are some real gumballs out there! For example -- to DS, terror of Iowa U (an Italian debtor's note no doubt): Sir, I'm abashed! You recieved the best page of Steve's rag, the page with my jokes on them, and you made pooh-pooh about it?! May the Jolly Green Giant use Whitey's Excercise Farm as a footrest! To Flash Coughlan, the Memphis Mauler: If you can't talk normally, you shouldn't be corrupting impressionable young diapers, er diggers, with that suth'n zeen of y'orn. By the way when you speak Korean, do you speak ... 'South' Korean? Yuck, tuck. To "toots" whoever he may be, the reply ~~kyou~~ sent on how to promounce 'burn' had to be a joke, I mean it oozed with typical NY humore - little to nge.
PS. Can I have a date with Phyllis? Signed Faz
((Actually You should go out with Phyllis, you two seem to have borrowed from the same joke book often enough. If she's reading this I'll ask her if she's interested in someone who's tall, dark, and ~~handsome~~ hornrimmed; if so, write Faz, he's lonely.))

Dear Slime, Hey - do you know what they call the prettiest girl in Memphis?
((no, what do they call the prettiest girl in Memphis))
A tourist. Signed, North by northwest

An open letter from: Diplomacy Temperance Crusade
18 Center Boulevard
Paris, Tennessee 38677

Dear Mr Heinowski, My name is Cal Boardman, and I am the regional director of the Diplomacy Temperance Crusade. You may have heard of our organization which is concerned with the growing number of young men and women who are throwing their lives away in the unbridled persuit of a "win" in the game of Diplomacy.

For the past six years I have conducted an annual crusade against the evils of Diplomacy playin by touring the Eastern United States and giving lectures in churches, on college campuses, and wherever else we could find an audience. On these tours I would take along my assistent, Mr. Edi Buchanan. Edi had been a young man of good family background with a once-promising future. Unfortunately, a 'friend' introduced him to the game of Diplomacy one evening, and it gradually progressed on its insidious course from a mere passtimme to an addiotion. What started out as an occasional game among friends evolved unnoticed by him into an every-weekend obsession, with strangers (euphemistically reffered to as 'new blood') being dragged in off the street just to satis fy his desire for a good stab. Then he graduate to the "hard stuff" - postal Diplomacy.

Edi was hooked and he knew it, but he just couldn't escape. Everything went to support his habit; he sold his stereo system, his appliances, his car, and finally even his back issues of Diplomacy World just to pay for envelopes and postage stamps. When he tried to mortgage his house to maintain his subscriptions to all his Diplomacy zines, his wife knew he had gone off the deep end and she brought him to us. He was a broken man.

We attempted to rehabilitate young Edi, but in such cases there is little hope, despite the ever-increasing amount of medical research being done it this area. Although unable to free himself from the addiction, Edi was determined that no one else should fall into the same trap, so he asked to accompany me on my tours to help in whatever way he could. He used to sit beside me on th stage, his fingers twitching as if around the hilt of a knife, his eyes widely attempting to watch in 6 directions at once, and mumbling such incoherent phrases as "a par sa bur-mm" and other such nonsense. I would point to him as a terifying example of the evils of Diplomacy, and I true believed his appearance helped save many young men and women from the temptation to play that dangerous "first" game.

We had hoped young Edi might be secured but it was not to be; when his counselor found some variant mapsheets in his room, Edi claimed to be "tapering off", but when we confronted him with the theft of some postcards from the office supplies, Edi admitted it -- he had joined another game "Just one" he pleaded, but he knew it wouldn't last - and so did we. We insisted he quitm cold turkey. We thought with our help he could do it, but we were wrong; he commited suicide last month by stabbing himself in the block. Since our Spring tour begins shortly, we have been looking for a replacement. A mutual friend has given me your name, suggesting you are a much better example of how Diplomacy can lead someone to ruin. Please let us know if you can come along as soon as possib The due date is 15 May. Sincerely Calhamer Walker Boardman. ((who?))

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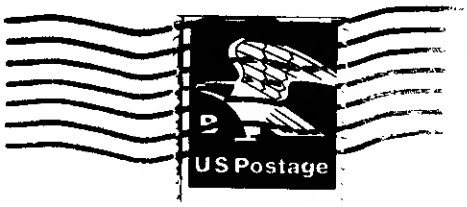

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